

State of California

2006

**Governor's Environmental and
Economic Leadership
Awards**



Information & Application

Application Deadline: June 8, 2006



California's Most Prestigious Environmental Honor

The Governor's Environmental and Economic Leadership Award Program is the State of California's highest environmental honor. The program recognizes individuals, organizations, and businesses that have demonstrated exceptional leadership and made notable, voluntary contributions in conserving California's precious resources, protecting and enhancing our environment, and building public-private partnerships.

Who May Apply:

Competition is open to all California residents, businesses, non-profit organizations, professional and trade associations, communities, state and local government entities, tribes, and federal agencies operating in California. Those that applied previously are welcome to apply again.

Award Categories:

- **Children's Environmental Education**
Unique and exemplary educational programs and curricula that align with California's academic content standards and raise children's awareness of, and involvement in, environmental issues.
- **Ecosystem And Watershed Stewardship**
Innovative and sustainable approaches to land and water management that restore or protect natural conditions, functions and processes, and provide economic, social and environmental benefits.
- **Sustainable Practices or Facilities**
Pioneering efforts to integrate environmental values and conservation of natural resources into long-term decision making and management of businesses and facilities.
- **Environmental and Economic Partnerships**
Efforts that foster unique, cooperative approaches between the private, public, and/or non-profit sectors to achieve demonstrable results in both environmental and economic improvement.
- **Comprehensive Land Use Planning**
Demonstrates social equity and adequate housing; cost-effective infrastructure and transportation; water and energy efficiencies, and open space conservation to protect forests, agriculture, watersheds and other ecosystem values.

- **Technological And Market Innovation**

Innovation in manufacturing or product marketing to cost-effectively improve environmental and public health, productivity and sustainability of forests, farms or other natural resource lands, and conservation of open space and agriculture.

- **Sustainable Communities**

Exemplary project design or development of local communities and landscapes that makes efficient use of land, protects public health and safety, and conserves local watersheds, habitats and other sensitive lands.

Eligibility:

The awards will be presented for voluntary achievements undertaken or completed in 2005 or have reached fruition in 2005. Competition is open to all California residents, businesses, non-profit organizations, professional and trade associations, communities, state and local governmental entities, and federal agencies operating in California. Projects are deemed ineligible if they are the result of mitigation, litigation, or required by legislation.

Selection/Criteria:

A Selection Committee will evaluate applications for strength in **eight** specific areas: Results, Transferability, Environmental Impact, Resource Conservation Impact, Economic Progress, Innovation/Uniqueness, Pollution Prevention, and Environmental Justice. These criteria will be considered in the competitive weighting of nominations and are described below. Evaluations will take into consideration differences in size, region, and scope of projects, as needed.

- **Results:** Steps taken to achieve results are described; results are defined in measurable terms; environmental and economic benefits are identified and documented.
- **Transferability:** Project can be readily transferred to other sectors; others can easily implement.
- **Environmental/Resource Conservation Impact:** Accomplishment includes more than one environmental media or resource; project or program has long lasting and sustainable impact; magnitude of impact is described and significant.
- **Economic Progress:** California's economy is enhanced; measurable benefits are identified and realized; new/better jobs are created and new markets developed.
- **Innovation/Uniqueness:** Demonstrates basic practice to unique, innovative practice; a paradigm shift in approach; demonstrates a "pioneer" spirit; ahead of the marketplace and profitability.
- **Pollution Prevention:** Achieves measurable reductions in the generation of waste through source reduction; increased public-private awareness of pollution prevention; exemplifies best practices with a cross-media focus.
- **Environmental Justice:** Significantly raises the awareness and addresses environmental issues in vulnerable disadvantaged communities and or populations; raises the involvement of local/grassroots communities in the project or program; builds community leadership/stewardship to address environmental issues.

The deliberative process of the Selection Committee is confidential and all decisions are final subject to applicable California state law. A nomination may be considered in a category different from that in which it is nominated.

2005 Award Winners:

- Johnson & Johnson CA Companies
- BP Shipping U.S.A.
- Sierra Nevada Brewing Company
- Earthbound Farm
- Pardee Homes
- Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc.
- SF Environment –
City and County of San Francisco
- Sacramento Splash
- Pacific Unified School District
- East Bay Regional Park District
- Desert Sands Unified School District
- Orange County Water District and
Orange County Sanitation District
- Marin Resource Conservation District
- Agriculture Water Quality Alliance
- The Irvine Ranch Land Reserve Trust
- East Bay Municipal Utility District and
Foster Farms
- Interior Removal Specialist, Inc.
- St. Elizabeth Community Hospital

2005 Sponsors:

- California Integrated Waste Management Board
- California Association of Sanitation Agencies
- Keep California Beautiful, Inc.

How To Apply:

Anyone wishing to apply for, or nominate an individual, organization, or business, for a 2006 Governor's Environmental and Economic Leadership Award must complete an application. The application begins on Page 5 of this document. Please be sure to include all award applicants being nominated on the "Award Applicant" line. Applications may also be obtained by calling the California Environmental Protection Agency at (916) 322-7649. For more information go to the GEELA home page at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/Awards/GEELA/>.

Winners will be notified by October 15, 2006.



Application Instructions

All applications must include the following:

Program Statement: In a concise, one-page format (not to exceed 500 words), please describe the program, individual or organization being nominated and indicate why the nominee should be awarded the Governor's Environmental and Economic Leadership Award. Among the questions that should be addressed in this statement are:

- How and why was the program, organization, or partnership created?
- What are the nominee's specific environmental and economic objectives?
- What measurable environmental benefits have resulted from the program, organization, or partnership? What economic benefits have resulted?
- Is the environmental and economic progress of the program, organization, or partnership long lasting and sustainable?
- How has the program, organization or partnership incorporated environmental justice?
- What makes this project or program unique and exemplary?

Summary Statement: Summarize the purpose, objectives, and accomplishments of the program, organization, or individual being nominated. The statement should not exceed 100 words and should be suitable for use in a catalog, database, or brochure.

Supporting Materials: Include on a compact disc quality photos (300 dpi), organization logos, and/or graphics representative of the program, individual or organization being nominated. Other materials which may be included are graphic presentations, brochures, newspaper articles, videotapes, etc. Supporting materials may not be used as a substitute for the above written statements.

External References: Include with your application **two letters of recommendation** of the program, individual, or organization being nominated. References must be current, knowledgeable and familiar with this nomination. External endorsements **must be specific** to the 2006 Governor's Environmental and Economic Leadership Award and include contact information.

A complete application package includes FIVE SETS of the above materials (application form, program statement, summary statement, all supporting materials, and external references).

***Provide all information requested.
Incomplete applications will not be evaluated.***



2006 Application

Select ONE Award Category (Your application will only be considered in one category):

- ☐ **Children's Environmental Education:** Unique and exemplary educational programs and curricula that align with California's academic content standards and raise children's awareness of, and involvement in, environmental issues.
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- ☐ **Comprehensive Land Use Planning:** Demonstrates social equity and adequate housing; cost-effective infrastructure and transportation; and water and energy efficiencies, and open space conservation to protect forests, agriculture, watersheds and other ecosystem values.
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- ☐ **Sustainable Communities:** Exemplary project design or development of local communities and landscapes that makes efficient use of land, protects public health and safety, and conserves local watersheds, habitats and other sensitive lands.

Please type or print legibly

Award Applicant(s): _____

Project/Program: _____

Organization(s): _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

*Contact Person: _____

Title: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-Mail: _____

***Please note that all correspondence and questions will be addressed to the contact person.**

Has the program, individual, or organization being nominated been honored with any other environmental or conservation award in the last five years? If so, list awards.

Have you applied for The Governor's Environmental and Economic Leadership Awards in the past? If so, please indicate in what year(s).

Do you have any current federal, state, or local environmental violations, lawsuits, or complaints against your organization, business, or company? Please note compliance checking will be done to ensure all nominations are acceptable.

Certification and Signature: To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this application is accurate.

Name of Agency Director/CEO/Equivalent: _____
(Please Print)

Title: _____
(Please Print)

Signature & Date: _____

Where to Submit Applications: Five complete sets of the application and supporting materials must be submitted:

The 2006 Governor's Environmental and Economic Leadership Awards
c/o The California Environmental Protection Agency
1001 I Street, P.O. Box 2815
Sacramento, California 95812-2815
Attention: Andrea Lewis, Assistant Secretary

E-mailed applications will also be accepted at: geela@ceres.ca.gov

APPLICATION DEADLINE: THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2006, 5:00 P.M.

Applications must be postmarked and/or received by June 8, 2006, 5:00 p.m. Applications can be hand-delivered to Cal/EPA's Environmental Services Center, 1001 I Street, Sacramento or emailed to: geela@ceres.ca.gov